


Congregation in Devotion

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Gunnison, CO – July 14-19, 2025

- Mon: Read [Genesis 18:1-14](#). Why was Abraham so anxious about bringing food and drink
7/14 to the Lord? What did he seek? Why did he seek it? We pray: Lord, we know that You have not passed us by but have according to Your gospel come to us and dwell in us. This is not on account of anything that we have prepared for You, but on account of Your steadfast love and mercy. Plant us firmly in Your gospel, make us steadfast and stable in faith, full of the hope of the gospel, that we would dwell with You forever. Amen.
- Tue: Read [Luke 10:38-42](#). Compare Martha's actions to those of Abraham from Monday's
7/15 reading. Are they similar or different? What was in their hearts? Compare Mary's actions to those of Abraham from Monday's reading. How are they similar? We pray: Lord God, let us not be troubled about many things, but fix our hearts upon You alone. You alone give life to the barren womb and bring back from the pit. Let Your kingdom come to us that we would not abide in the world but in You. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.
- Wed: One of our hymns for this Sunday is printed on the reverse. Read the hymn (or sing
7/16 it if so inclined) and reflect on how it relates to our readings. Pray the hymn.
- Thu: Read [Colossians 1:21-29](#). Paul writes that in his sufferings for the church he is filling
7/17 up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the church. He also writes of the glory of the mystery, which is Christ in you. Paul is not stating that Christ's death was not sufficient to forgive our sins. So, what does Paul mean? Consider how Paul's suffering conforms to the cross and is Christ's suffering. We pray: Father, You have made known among us the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages. We give to You thanks, eternal thanks, that You have made this known to us. Strengthen us, reconcile us to You forever through Christ our Lord, and keep us with You forever. Amen.
- Fri: Read [Psalm 27:1-14](#) (the psalm assigned for the week). Consider whether Abraham's,
7/18 Mary's and Martha's actions show verse 4. We pray: O Lord, let us dwell in Your house forever, to gaze upon Your beauty, and inquire in Your temple. Amen.
- Sat: Perhaps the least well received portion of the Small Catechism is the Table of Duties
7/19 relating to wives, where it explains, in part, the duties of wives: "They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. 1 Pt. 3:5-6." In light of this, consider the actions of Abraham (insofar as they related to Sarah in Monday's reading) and the actions of Mary and Martha. How do our readings reflect this duty? What is the purpose of this duty? We pray: Lord God, with the first wife, Eve, You established wives for all husbands, a blessing and help for all generations. We give You thanks each day for wives, who are Your gift and aide to their husbands. Bless every wife that she would be a living testimony and reflection of Your gospel like Your Church is of Christ our Lord. Amen.



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war

She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more

From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.